2013 Annual Water Quality Report

(Consumer Confidence Report)

This report is intended to provide you with important information about your drinking water and the efforts made to provide safe drinking water.

Attencion!

Este informe contiene información muy importante. Tradúscalo o preguntele a alguien que lo entienda bien.

[Translated: This report contains very important information. Translate or ask someone who understands this very well.]

What is the source of my water?

The sources of drinking water (both tap water and bottled water) include rivers, lakes, streams, ponds, reservoirs, springs, and groundwater wells. As water travels over the surface of the land or through the ground, it dissolves naturally-occurring minerals and, in some cases, radioactive material, and can pick up substances resulting from the presence of animals or from human activity.

Our water comes from the following source(s):

Our drinking water is supplied from another water system through a Consecutive Connection (CC). To find out more about our drinking water sources and additional chemical sampling results, please contact our office at the number provided below.

Buyer Name	Seller Name
BLUE SPRINGS	INDEPENDENCE
BLUE SPRINGS	KANSAS CITY
BLUE SPRINGS	TRI COUNTY WATER AUTHORITY

Source Water Assessment:

The Department of Natural Resources conducted a source water assessment to determine the susceptibility of our water source to potential contaminants. This process involved the establishment of source water area delineations for each well or surface water intake and then a contaminant inventory was performed within those delineated areas to assess potential threats to each source. Assessment maps and summary information sheets are available on the internet at http://maproom.missouri.edu/swipmaps/pwssid.htm. To access the maps for your water system you will need the State-assigned identification code, which is printed at the top of this report. The Source Water Inventory Project maps and information sheets provide a foundation upon which a more comprehensive source water protection plan can be developed.

Why are there contaminants in my water?

Drinking water, including bottled water, may reasonably be expected to contain at least small amounts of some contaminants. The presence of contaminants does not necessarily indicate that water poses a health risk. More information about contaminants and potential health effects can be obtained by calling the Environmental Protection Agency's Safe Drinking Water Hotline (800-426-4791).

Contaminants that may be present in source water include:

- A. Microbial contaminants, such as viruses and bacteria, which may come from sewage treatment plants, septic systems, agricultural livestock operations, and wildlife.
- B. Inorganic contaminants, such as salts and metals, which can be naturally-occurring or result from urban stormwater runoff, industrial, or domestic wastewater discharges, oil and gas production, mining, or farming.
- C. Pesticides and herbicides, which may come from a variety of sources such as agriculture, urban stormwater runoff, and residential uses.
- D. Organic chemical contaminants, including synthetic and volatile organic chemicals, which are byproducts of industrial processes and petroleum production, and can also come from gas stations, urban stormwater runoff, and septic systems.
- E. Radioactive contaminants, which can be naturally-occurring or be the result of oil and gas production and mining activities.
- In order to ensure that tap water is safe to drink, the Department of Natural Resources prescribes regulations which limit the amount of certain contaminants in water provided by public water systems. Department of Health regulations establish limits for contaminants in bottled water which must provide the same protection for public health.

Is our water system meeting other rules that govern our operations?

The Missouri Department of Natural Resources regulates our water system and requires us to test our water on a regular basis to ensure its safety. Our system has been assigned the identification number MO1010080 for the purposes of tracking our test results. Last year, we tested for a variety of contaminants. The detectable results of these tests are on the following pages of this report. Any violations of state requirements or standards will be further explained later in this report.

How might I become actively involved?

If you would like to observe the decision-making process that affect drinking water quality or if you have any further questions about your drinking water report, please call us at 816-228-0195 to inquire about scheduled meetings or contact persons.

Do I need to take any special precautions?

Some people may be more vulnerable to contaminants in drinking water than the general population. Immunocompromised persons such as persons with cancer undergoing chemotherapy, persons who have undergone organ transplants, people with HIV/AIDS or other immune system disorders, some elderly, and infants can be particularly at risk from infections. These people should seek advice about drinking water from their health care providers. EPA/CDC guidelines on appropriate means to lessen the risk of infection by Cryptosporidium and other microbial contaminants are available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline (800-426-4791).

Special Lead and Copper Notice:

If present, elevated levels of lead can cause serious health problems, especially for pregnant women and young children. Lead in drinking water is primarily from materials and components associated with service lines and home plumbing. BLUE SPRINGS is responsible for providing high quality drinking water, but cannot control the variety of materials used in plumbing components. When your water has been sitting for several hours, you can minimize the potential for lead exposure by flushing your tap for 30 seconds to 2 minutes before using water for drinking or cooking. If you are concerned about lead in your water, you may wish to have your water tested. Information on lead in drinking water, testing methods, and steps you can take to minimize exposure is available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline (800-426-4791) or at http://water.epa.gov/drink/info/lead/index.cfm.

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Definitions:

Population: 55698. This is the equivalent residential population served including non-bill paying customers.

MCLG: Maximum Contaminant Level Goal, or the level of a contaminant in drinking water below which there is no known or expected risk to health. MCLGs allow for a margin of safety. MCL: Maximum Contaminant Level, or the highest level of a contaminant that is allowed in drinking water. MCLs are set as close to the MCLGs as feasible using the best available treatment technology.

SMCL. Secondary Maximum Contaminant Level, or the secondary standards that are non-enforceable guidelines for contaminants and may cause cosmetic effects (such as skin or tooth discoloration) or aesthetic effects (such as taste, odor or color) in drinking water. EPA recommends these standards but does not require water systems to comply

AL: Action Level, or the concentration of a contaminant which, when exceeded, triggers treatment or other requirements which a water system must follow.

TT: Treatment Technique, or a required process intended to reduce the level of a contaminant in drinking water.

90th percentile: For lead and Copper testing. 10% of test results are above this level and 90% are below this level.

Level Found: is the average of all test results for a particular contaminant.

Range of Detections: Shows the lowest and highest levels found during a testing period, if only one sample was taken, then this number equals the Highest Value.

MRLDG: Maximum Residual Disinfectant Level Goal, or the level of a drinking water disinfectant below which there is no known or expected risk to health.

MRDL: Maximum Residual Disinfectant Level, or the highest level of a disinfectant allowed in drinking water.

RAA: Running Annual Average, or the average of sample analytical results for samples taken during the previous four calendar quarters.

LRAA: Locational Running Annual Average, or the locational average of sample analytical results for samples taken during the previous four calendar quarters.

Abbreviations:

TTHM: Total Trihalomethanes (chloroform, bromodichloromethane, dibromochloromethane, and bromoform) as a group.

HAA5: Haloacetic Acids (mono-, di- and tri-chloracetic acid, and mono- and di-bormoacetic acid) as a group.

ppb: parts per billion or micrograms per liter.

ppm: parts per million or milligrams per liter.

n/a: not applicable.

NTU: Nephelometric Turbidity Unit, used to measure cloudiness in drinking water.

MFL: million fibers per liter, used to measure asbestos concentration.

nd: not detectable at testing limits.

The state has reduced monitoring requirements for certain contaminants to less often than once per year because the concentrations of these contaminants are not expected to vary significantly from year to year. Records with a sample year more than one year old are still considered representative.

Regulated Contaminants

Regulated Contaminants	Collection Date	Highest Value	Range (low – high)	Unit MCL MCLG Typical Source		Typical Source	
CHROMIUM	10/22/2013	2.62	0.8 - 2.62	ppb	100	100	Discharge from steel and pulp mills

Disinfection Byproducts	Sample Point	Monitoring Period	Highest LRAA	Range (low/high)	Unit	MCL	MCLG	Typical Source
(HAA5)	DBPDUAL-01	2013	17	0 - 21.4	ppb	60	0	Byproduct of drinking water disinfection
(HAA5)	DBPDUAL-02	2013	12	0 - 20.4	ppb	60	0	Byproduct of drinking water disinfection
(HAA5)	DBPDUAL-03	2013	0	0 - 0	ppb	60	0	Byproduct of drinking water disinfection
(HAA5)	DBPDUAL-04	2013	3	0 - 12.2	ppb	60	0	Byproduct of drinking water disinfection
TTHM	DBPDUAL-01	2013	8	2.81 - 10	ppb	80	0	Byproduct of drinking water disinfection
TTHM	DBPDUAL-02	2013	7	2.58 - 9.24	ppb	80	0	Byproduct of drinking water disinfection
TTHM	DBPDUAL-03	2013	2	0 - 0		Byproduct of drinking water disinfection		
TTHM	DBPDUAL-04	2013	5	0 - 4.81	ppb	80	0	Byproduct of drinking water disinfection

Lead and Copper	Date	90th Percentile	Range (low – high)	Unit	AL	Sites Over AL	Typical Source	
COPPER	2010 - 2012	0.0111	0.00108 - 0.0563	ppm	1.3	0	Corrosion of household plumbing systems	
LEAD	2010 - 2012	2.56	1.02 - 10.1	ppb	15	1	Corrosion of household plumbing systems	

Microbiological	Result	MCL	MCLG	Typical Source
COLIFORM (TCR)	In the month of August, 1.59% of samples returned as positive	MCL: Systems that Collect 40 or More Samples per Month - No more than 5% positive monthly samples;	0	Naturally present in the environment

Unregulated Contaminant Monitoring Rule (UCMR)	Collection Date of HV	Highest Value (HV)	Range	Unit
CHLORATE	7/16/2013	510	0 - 510	UG/L
CHROMIUM, HEX	1/28/2013	4	0.74 - 4	UG/L
MOLYBDENUM, TOTAL	10/22/2013	3.86	2.28 - 3.86	UG/L
STRONTIUM	10/22/2013	241	141 - 241	UG/L
VANADIUM, TOTAL	4/22/2013	2.53	1.04 - 2.53	UG/L

Violations and Health Effects Information

During the 2013 calendar year, we had the below noted violation(s) of drinking water regulations.

Compliance Period	Analyte	Туре
No Violations Occurred in the Caler	ndar Year of 2013	

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Reseller Contaminants

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Regulated Contaminants	Collection Date	Water System	Highest Value	Range (low – high)	Unit	MCL	MCLG	Typical Source
ATRAZINE	4/21/2013	KANSAS CITY	2.1	0 - 2.1	ppb	3	3	Runoff from herbicide used on row crops
BARIUM	6/30/2013 5/16/2011	KANSAS CITY TRI COUNTY WATER	0.024	0.006 - 0.024 0.0493	ppm	2	2	Discharge of drilling wastes; Discharge from metal refineries; Erosion of natural deposits
DAINOW	5/9/2012	AUTHORITY INDEPENDENCE	0.0493	0.0493				иерозна
	12/31/2013 5/16/2011	KANSAS CITY TRI COUNTY	4	1.92 – 4	ppb	100	100	Discharge from steel and pulp mills
CHROMIUM	44/40/0040	WATER AUTHORITY	1.72	1.72				
	11/19/2013 4/19/2013	INDEPENDENCE KANSAS CITY	0.95	0.88-0.95 0 - 13	nnh	200	200	Discharge from steel/metal factories:
CYANIDE	4/19/2013	KANSAS CITY	13	0 - 13	ppb	200	200	Discharge from steel/metal factories; Discharge from plastic and fertilizer factories
	10/18/2013 5/16/2011	KANSAS CITY TRI COUNTY	1.96	0.138 - 1.96	ppm	4	4	Natural deposits; Water additive which promotes strong teeth
FLUORIDE	5/0/0040	WATER AUTHORITY	0.17	0.17				
	5/9/2012	INDEPENDENCE	0.19	0.19		40	40	Donatt from to difference I and in the
NITRATE-	6/7/2013 11/20/2013	KANSAS CITY TRI COUNTY	7.46	0 - 7.46	ppm	10	10	Runoff from fertilizer use; Leaching from septic tanks, sewage; Erosion of natural
NITRITE		WATER AUTHORITY	0.11	0.11				deposits
	11/5/2013	INDEPENDENCE	0.14	0.14				
SELENIUM	7/31/2013	KANSAS CITY	2.23	0 - 2.23	ppb	50	50	Erosion of natural deposits

Disinfection Byproducts	Monitoring Period	Water System	Highest LRAA	Range (low – high)	Unit	MCL	MCLG	Typical Source
(HAA5)	2013	KANSAS CITY	20	6.6 - 35.5	ppb	60	0	Byproduct of drinking water disinfection
(HAA5)	2013	INDEPENDENCE	0	0	ppb	60	0	Byproduct of drinking water disinfection
(HAA5)	2011 - 2013	TRI COUNTY WATER AUTHORITY	0	0	ppb	60	0	Byproduct of drinking water disinfection
TTHM	2013	KANSAS CITY	20	2.1 - 48.9	ppb	80	0	Byproduct of drinking water disinfection
TTHM	2013	INDEPENDENCE	3	0 - 2.17	ppb	80	0	Byproduct of drinking water disinfection
TTHM	2011 - 2013	TRI COUNTY WATER AUTHORITY	7	7.02	ppb	80	0	Byproduct of drinking water disinfection

Reseller Violations and Health Effects Information

During the 2013 calendar year, the water	er system(s) that we po	urchase water from had th	ne below noted violation(s) of	f drinking water regulations.						
Water System	Type	Category	Analyte	Compliance Period						
No Violations Occurred in the Calendar Yea	No Violations Occurred in the Calendar Year of 2013									

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Optional Monitoring (not required by EPA) Optional Contaminants

Monitoring is not required for optional contaminants.

Reseller Secondary Contaminants	Collection Date	Water System	Highest Value	Range (low - high)	Unit	SMCL
ALLKALINITY OA OOG OTA DILITY	5/9/2012	INDEPENDENCE	62.7	62.7	140/	
ALKALINITY, CACO3 STABILITY	5/16/2011	TRI COUNTY WATER AUTHORITY	67.8	67.8	MG/L	
ALKALINITY, PHENOLPHTHALEIN	12/7/2011	KANSAS CITY	45	8 - 45	MG/L	
ALKALINITY TOTAL	12/29/2013	KANSAS CITY	232	20 – 232	MG/L	
ALKALINITY, TOTAL	3/8/2011	INDEPENDENCE	272	240-272		
ALUMINUM	5/9/2012	INDEPENDENCE	0.0119	0.0119	MG/L	0.05
BORON, TOTAL	9/30/2013	KANSAS CITY	0.09	0.031 - 0.09	MG/L	
BROMIDE	1/4/2013	KANSAS CITY	11	0 - 11	MG/L	0.05
	7/31/2013	KANSAS CITY	39	31.9 – 39		
CALCIUM	5/16/2011	TRI COUNTY WATER AUTHORITY	16.3	16.3	MG/L	
	5/9/2012	INDEPENDNENCE	14.6	14.6		
	3/18/2013	KANSAS CITY	38.5	11.5 - 38.5		
CHLORIDE	5/16/2011	TRI COUNTY WATER AUTHORITY	21.5	21.5	MG/L	250
	5/12/2009	INDEPENDENCE	28.1	28.1		
COLOR	3/21/2013	KANSAS CITY	9	1 - 9	ADMI U	15
	5/9/2012	INDEPENDENCE	90.6	90.6		
HARDNESS, CARBONATE	5/16/2011	TRI COUNTY WATER AUTHORITY	111	111	MG/L	
HARDNESS, TOTAL (AS CACO3)	5/2/2011	KANSAS CITY	186	88 - 186	MG/L	
	12/2/2013	KANSAS CITY	0.031	0.004 - 0.031		
IRON	5/16/2011	TRI COUNTY WATER AUTHORITY	0.0314	0.0314	MG/L	0.3
	5/9/2012	INDEPENDENCE	0.00272	0.00272		
	8/31/2013	KANSAS CITY	6.55	3.23 - 6.55		
MAGNESIUM	5/16/2011	TRI COUNTY WATER AUTHORITY	17.1	17.1	MG/L	
	5/9/2012	INDEPENDENCE	17.5	17.5	MG/L MG/L ppb	
MANGANESE	7/31/2013	KANSAS CITY	0.002	0 - 0.002	MC/I	0.05
WANGANESE	5/16/2011	TRI COUNTY WATER AUTHORITY	0.00106	0.00106	MG/L	0.05
METOLACHLOR	6/23/2013	KANSAS CITY	0.9	0 - 0.9		
ODOR	11/29/2013	KANSAS CITY	6	1 - 6	TON	3
	10/2/2013	KANSAS CITY	10.3	6.8 - 10.3		
PH	5/16/2011	TRI COUNTY WATER AUTHORITY	8.2	8.2	SU	8.5
	5/9/2012	INDEPENDENCE	9.49	9.49		
PHENOLS	3/22/2013	KANSAS CITY	0.009	0 - 0.009	MG/L	
	10/31/2013	KANSAS CITY	7.36	5.62 - 7.36		
POTASSIUM	5/16/2011	TRI COUNTY WATER AUTHORITY	6.28	6.28	MG/L	
DECIDITAL CUI ODINE	5/9/2012	INDEPENDENCE	6.32	6.32	140/	
RESIDUAL CHLORINE	9/1/2011	KANSAS CITY	2.57	1.53 - 2.57	MG/L	
SILICA	2/28/2013	KANSAS CITY	4.57	2.56 - 4.57	MG/L	
CODUM	9/30/2013	KANSAS CITY	81.3	35.3 - 81.3	N40/I	
SODIUM	5/16/2011 5/9/2012	TRI COUNTY WATER AUTHORITY INDEPENDENCE	38	38 40	MG/L	
			40			
	9/13/2013	KANSAS CITY	228	54.2 - 228		
SULFATE	5/16/2011	TRI COUNTY WATER AUTHORITY	100	100	MG/L	250
	5/9/2012	INDEPENDENCE	93.7	93.7		
	10/9/2013	KANSAS CITY	480	180 – 480		
TDS	5/16/2011	TRI COUNTY WATER AUTHORITY	263	263	MG/L	500
	5/9/2012	INDEPENDENCE	276	276		
TESTOSTERONE	8/21/2013	KANSAS CITY	0.0014	0 - 0.0014	UG/L	
TOTAL CHLORINE	1/14/2013	KANSAS CITY	3.07	1.47 - 3.07	MG/L	
	12/31/2013	KANSAS CITY	0.006	0.002 - 0.006		
ZINC	5/16/2011	TRI COUNTY WATER AUTHORITY	0.00376	0.00376	MG/L	5
	5/9/2012	INDEPENDENCE	0.00619	0.00619		